

**REMARKS**

Claims 11-16 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment adds new claims 18 and 19. Thus, claims 11-16 and 18-19 are presented for examination upon entry of the instant amendment. Claim 11 is independent.

Independent claim 11, as well as claims 12-13 and 16 that depend therefrom, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Japanese Publication No. 06189469 to Kojima (Kojima) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,612,581 to Kageyama (Kageyama). Dependent claims 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Kojima and Kageyama in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,353,665 to Heebner et al. (Heebner).

Independent claim 11 now recites, in part, “a thyristor across said load and said output of said first and second contactors, said thyristor being turned on for carrying said uninterrupted load current during a transition period when both said first and second contactors are open simultaneously”. Support for this amendment can be found at least at paragraph [0031].

Kojima discloses three unit UPS's 9A, 9B, and 9C, where each unit can supply its respective inverter 4A, 4B, 4C with its battery 5A, 5B, 5C when its converter 3A, 3B, 3C fails. However, Kojima fails to disclose or suggest the claimed “thyristor across said load and said output of said first and second contactors” as recited by amended claim 11.

Kageyama is merely asserted by the Office Action as disclosing a system having a single battery. Heebner is merely asserted by the Office Action as disclosing the contactor of dependent claims 14-15.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended claim 11, as well as claims 12-16 that depend therefrom, are not disclosed or suggested by the cited art. Claims 11-16

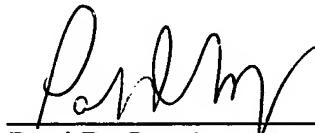
are therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 11-16 are respectfully requested.

Claims 18-19 have been added to point out various aspects of the present application. Claims 18-19 read on the elected embodiment. Support for claims 18-19 can be found at least at paragraph [0030] of the present application. No new matter is added. Claims 18-19 are in condition for allowance for at least the reason that they depend from claim 11.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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